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I would first like to thank everyone who's reading this for the influx of positive comments. I often define myself by my best bits and this is turning out to be one of the better ones. In my view, this is probably the most important newsletter to produce. Two becomes a pattern, and this has been an enjoyable creative process to go through.

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THE LATEST IN CHRISTOPHER MCCONNELL NEWS AND INFORMATION

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

I wish I had more to report here but I have to say it's been another bog standard month. The most interesting thing I did was pick up some extra shifts so I worked 12-11 over the weekend for a few weeks. It was nice to make the extra money and wasn't too bad, but that's not something I could keep up.. The worst part was having to work with my terrible coworker who never does his shit. It's insane. You can see when people put themselves in no call mode and would you guess that he's constantly in it. It boggles the mind that he has not shame and blatantly creates work for everyone else. Not only that, he'll constantly lie about his computer needing to "update" (this doesn't happen to anyone else) and then not log on for 40 minutes. I digress, but the money and extra vacation time I promise will be put to bad use. I forgot that actually I went to the New England Aquarium on Tuesday and it was great. Made a stop in the North End and got some pizza and a cannoli. Pro tip for any of you who'll end up in Boston: people will tell you that Mike's Pastry is a tourist trap but they're mostly wrong. Their cannoli is basically as good as anyone else's and I like the blue motif.



Just look at that nose! The Long Nose Elephant fish is easily my favorite at the aquarium. Apparently they're particularly big brained cause they send electrical signals to each other to communicate. All I know is that no one does it like they do

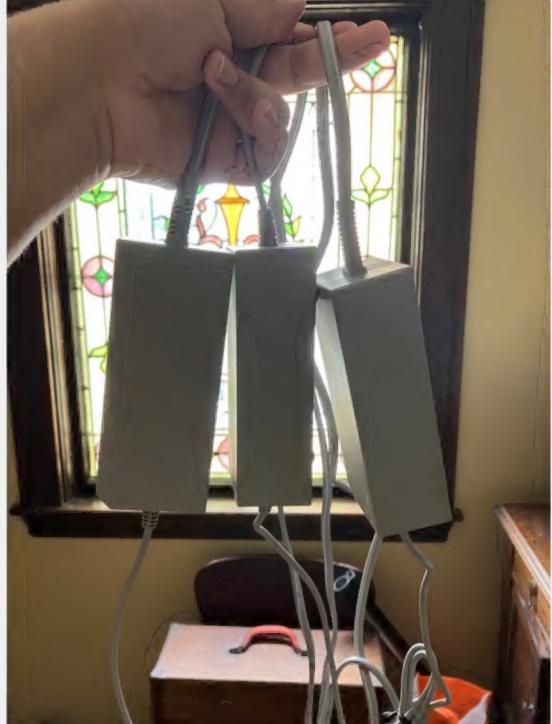


PHOTO OF THE MONTH- BOSTON COMMON

I normally say that I'm immune to seasonal depression but seeing frost on the ground this April almost killed me. We did end up making it out though, and now the city is in bloom. I like taking advantage of City Hall's central location and sometimes during my break I'll walk around Boston Common. The week this was taken was Japan Festival Boston. I got some pretty good takoyaki balls from the longest line I saw at the event. I always try to keep a camera in my pocket. That day I had my point and shoot, and it really puts into perspective why we really don't do film photography anymore. Getting to take a nigh unlimited amount of photos and then choose the best really does make the whole process just a bit easier

HOBBY CORNER

To prove I don't just sit around the house all day I'm going to highlight some of what I would consider my hobbies. Most of this centers around old electronics from like 2010 backwards. Most recently at the MIT Electronic Flea Market I was looking for my usual stuff but also knew I needed some various dongles for the Nintendo Wii®, mostly a wall plug as they solely use proprietary and archaic ports for their machines. When I was searching there was someone with a Wii and all of the cords, so I made an offer of \$10 for the plug which we both thought was fair. But alas! As I went further up I found someone selling loose cords for \$3 each including one of the plugs I needed. I decided "Hey, redundancy is worth \$3" so I sprang on it. So now I'm the idiot walking around with 2 of the same charger. Then, as I'm browsing another stall the guy came up to me and said something along the lines of "I'm pretty sure I have another one of those for a dollar" and lo and behold he did. It was kinda crusty but for a single \$ it seemed like a deal. So now I'm the guy who has 3 (three!) of the same charger. So if anyone is looking for a hookup I'm your guy



A successful hunt



The other things I've been doing is finally trying to read books again. I imagine my younger self would be embarrassed to see how little I'm reading these days. Massive shoutout to the Boston Public Library for just how many books there are available. They also have an app (called Hoopla) where there's just another huge collection of ebooks you can access on your phone. I've been reading some comics there and it's all free! Either way, I still find myself having issues reading the books once I have them. It really shows the insidious nature of the smartphones we all have. I'll sit down with the book right in front of me but I seem to have the impulse control of a young child. I find this especially at my job, where I'll have periods of 10-20 minutes with a 1 minute call in between. Perfect time to read a book, no? Wrong! I just use my phone like an idiot all day instead of anything else. Despite all that, I do manage to make time. The current book I have now is *The Art of Electronics* which is a primer for circuit design. It's not the easiest read in the world but it's nice to be learning concrete things in your free time.

I do write this in chronological order so I do apologize for getting this out so late. I must admit that it is now June so this May Newsletter is a bit of a misnomer. Yet again I am going to blame that damn phone. If this newsletter gets 10 likes I promise I will delete Tiktok and actually do something with my life. As I finish this moth's newsletter, I leave you all with some of my famous Curious Chris Questions (patent pending).

- 1- How specific would a fortune cookie have to be for you to think someone was messing with you?**
- 2- What kind of bird would you be? (NOT what bird you think is coolest, but what bird represents your essence/being)**
- 3- Given 24 hours to prepare, how many Big Macs could you put down in one sitting?**